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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SC&PB/SS

SUBJECT : [] Claims for Lost Time Reimbursement

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REFERENCE : Your memo dated 15 September, same subject

1. Per paragraph #3 of referenced memo the following remarks are directed toward [] claims as outlined in your attachments.

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2. April 29 to May 12 for which 268 hours of lost time and 49 days of per diem are claimed as a result of complications in grouting the dash pots. It is understood that the dash pots constituted a change to the original configuration and installation and resultant complications do not seem surprising. It is believed that some room for negotiation should be found in this particular claim.

3. For the period June 9 to June 15, 72 hours of lost time and 13 days of per diem were claimed. It is necessary here to understand the arrangement under which the work was to be performed. The firm [] provided one expert on a sub-contract basis [] who was to use the GSA "bull gang" to accomplish the work. [] took exception to the aforementioned GSA personnel working around their extremely delicate machine. Since only one man remained [] provided the only assistance available; the significant fact being that this was brought about at the insistence of []. Furthermore, it is understood that this "close the room" effort only took 1 1/2 days.

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4. As for the period July 6 through July 17 when the environmental conditions were in a state of flux and the question of humidity and resultant damage to the machine was surfaced, the undersigned has no comment. However, at some period prior to August 9, [] technicians were dissatisfied with the large flow of air which was directed from the so called "Punkas" and are reported to have made adjustments to this air flow. It is believed that duct dampers were modulated manually to reduce this flow. Although it cannot be definitely stated that this action caused it, it is a fact that the temperature control for one of the two reheaters did burn out which subsequently contributed to a "no control" condition. The lost time from August 9 through August 29 which is apparently 387 hours plus 61 days is claimed to be a function

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of room environment not meeting specifications. It is likely that the most significant contributory reason is the "no control" condition referred to above. Also, the men from [] were certainly doing something during this time, although the writer is careful to point out that he has no knowledge of what they are able to accomplish since they were working on a very complex device which is far beyond the writer's field of expertise. It does seem likely that their efforts were not a total waste of time since they were obviously quite busy.

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5. It does seem reasonable to expect that a fair and just compensation for legitimate lost time can be negotiated with [] It is believed that there is room for negotiation on both sides as a result of the requirements levied and actions accomplished by various parties concerned.

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